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**TO:** The Honorable Will Smith Jr.  
Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

**FROM:** Hannibal G. Williams II Kemerer  
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**RE:** SB478– Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission –  
Reporting and Sunset Extension (**Support**)

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The Office of the Attorney General supports SB 478, Senator Charles Sydnor's bill to extend the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report deadline from December 1, 2023, to December 1, 2024, and to extend the Commission's sunset from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Senate Bill 478 will permit the Commission time to complete its important work.

For the foregoing reason, we urge a favorable report on SB 478.

cc: Committee Members

This bill letter is a statement of the Office of Attorney General's policy position on the referenced pending legislation. For a legal or constitutional analysis of the bill, Members of the House and Senate should consult with the Counsel to the General Assembly, Sandy Brantley. She can be reached at 410-946-5600 or sbrantley@oag.state.md.us